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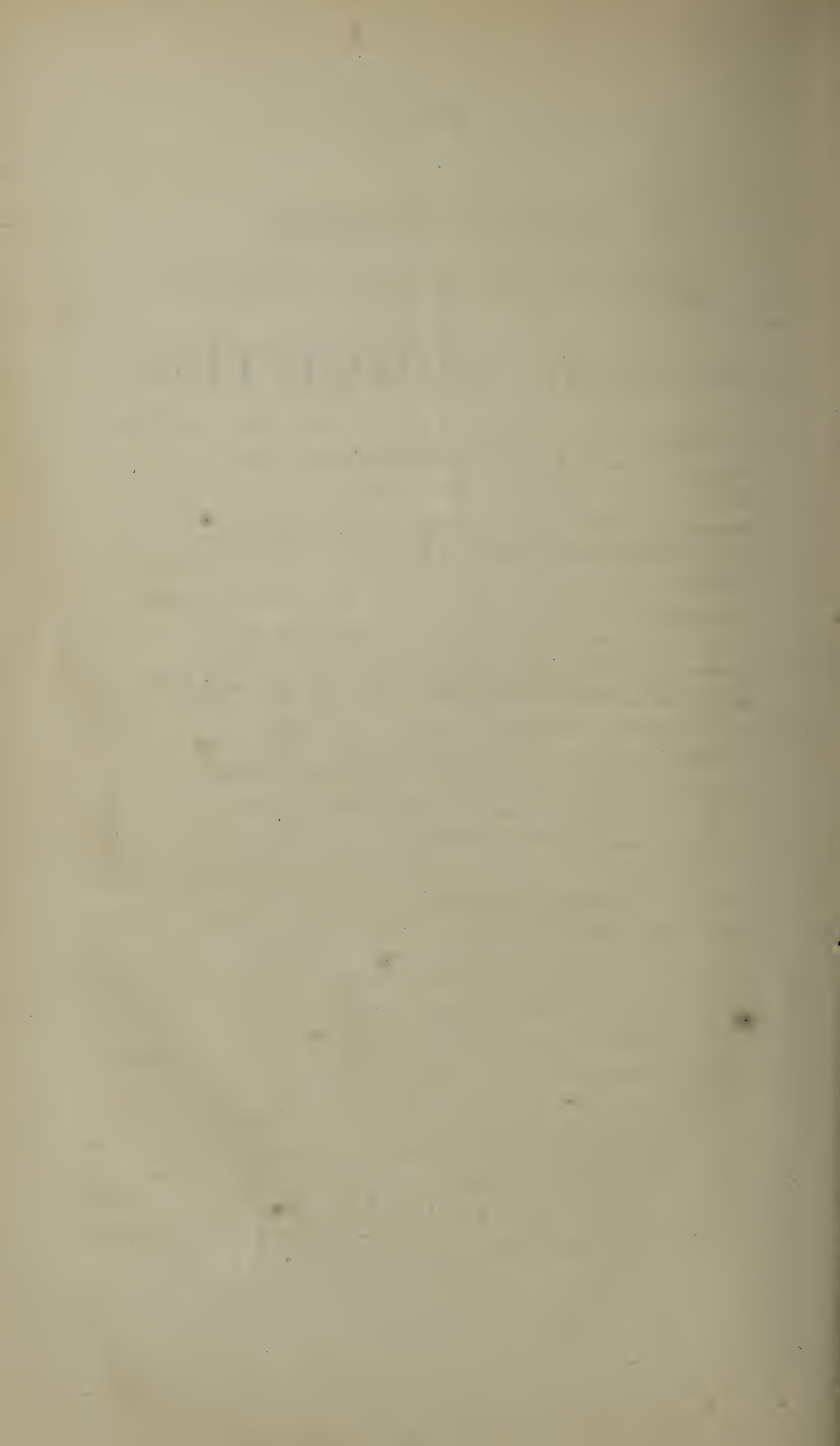
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REPORT OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

Attention has not been called for several years to the rank which Fitchburg holds among the towns of the State, in reference to the support of schools. It is, indeed, a matter of small importance, whether our neighbors are doing more than we in any good work, provided we are doing all that the circumstances of the case demand, or all that our ability allows. Yet a comparison of our statistics with those of other towns, may not be without profit.

In population, Fitchburg ranks the 23d among the cities and towns of the Commonwealth, in valuation the 29th, in the amount money raised for schools the 35th, in the ratio of school money to the number of children the 82d, and in the ratio of school money to the valuation the 147th. We cannot then be blind to the fact that in the support of our public schools, we have not kept pace with our growth in numbers and in material prosperity. While we are among the more prosperous towns, and should be very unwilling to be regarded as behind in enterprise, the amount of money raised for schools, in proportion to the number of children, is more than 13 per cent less than the average amount raised by the towns of the State.

That the expenses of our schools have been kept within so narrow limits in comparison with those of other towns, is the result of two facts. First, the average length of our schools has been less than in other towns of the same size, and, secondly, the wages of teachers have been less. Most of our teachers are women, and there are one hundred and fifteen towns and cities in the State, in which the wages of female teachers average more than in Fitchburg. But we have been able in general to obtain good female teachers, notwithstanding the low wages, because the town furnishes a large number of such teachers, and they are willing to teach near home

for less pay, rather than incur the additional expense of board, which would be involved in teaching in some other town.

These facts we submit to the consideration of the town, without any other argument or appeal than the facts themselves contain.

Our schools have been continued during the year on the same general plan as heretofore, with this exception, that we have endeavored to carry out the wish of the town, as expressed at a special meeting in June last, that we reserve unexpended \$2000 of the amount raised for schools. To accomplish this with the least injury to the children, we decided to keep each school, except the High School, two terms during the year instead of three, leaving it to the option of each district to have a fall term or a winter term. A reduction of the expenses of the High School was effected by the generous and voluntary offer of the Principal to relinquish \$100 of his salary, and that school was continued through the year. A similar readiness to sacrifice a part of their income, was shown by the teachers of the Grammar Schools. As it was considered necessary to make provision for a Grammar School in the winter, for the benefit of those boys who cannot attend in the summer, and as for nearly all the other scholars, it was more convenient to attend during the autumn, the second term of each of the Grammar Schools was held previous to the winter. This was of course less expensive to the town than a winter term would have been, and enabled us to employ one of the Grammar School teachers for the Boys' Winter School.

But after this Winter School for Boys was opened, it became apparent that in consequence of the attendance being smaller than was expected, some might be admitted who had already attended the preceding terms. It seemed to us the wisest course, therefore, to admit the highest class from each of the Grammar Schools to form one class, and complete the preparation of its members for the High School. This was done, and the school was thereby made more profitable to all its members.

Permission was also given to the scholars in Districts Nos. 9 and 10, to attend the schools in both Districts; that in No. 9 in the autumn, and that in No. 10 in the winter. In consequence of this permission, each term was made two weeks shorter than it would otherwise have been.

At the beginning of the year, the attendance in the schools on South Street was so small, that only two schools were opened. Soon after the second term began, the number of scholars had so increased as to render an additional school desirable, and during the last nine weeks of the year, there were three schools in that house.

We are glad to be able to testify to the general faithfulness and success of the teachers during the year. At the same time we would call attention to the fact that our schools in general appear to less advantage in regard to the fundamental branches of a good education than in regard to more advanced studies. The number of scholars, even in the High School, who can write a simple English sentence correctly, making no mistakes in spelling, or syntax, or punctuation, and whose penmanship is creditable to them, is not so large as it ought to be. This deficiency is not, of course, chargeable mainly to the teachers of the High School; but it is one demanding the serious attention of all our teachers. To use one's native language correctly in all respects, is an essential part of a good education, and no superficial acquaintance with foreign languages, whether modern or ancient, or with the sciences, can take the place of this requisite. That our scholars are not more skilful in penmanship, is an inevitable result of our having made no special provision for teaching them in this department, and is not to be attributed to any lack of faithfulness or diligence on the part of their teachers. The means at our command have not enabled us to supply a teacher of writing, but we believe it would be an economical expenditure of money to employ a suitable teacher, who should regularly throughout the year give instruction in Penmanship in each of the Grammar Schools.

We proceed to the "detailed report" of the several schools required by law, premising that in many instances there has been nothing particularly demanding criticism or comment, and that the remarks submitted are to be regarded, in each case, as the individual opinion of the member of our Board having charge of that school.

HIGH SCHOOL.

There was no important change during the year, either in the arrangements or the character of the High School. In attendance there has been an improvement on the preceding year, although that was in advance of any before it. Classes have been instructed in the different studies according to the schedule accompanying this report. The most serious danger, so far as studies are concerned, to which the scholars are exposed, is that of neglecting those acquisitions which lie at the foundation of all valuable scholarship. We wish it could become a matter of special effort and pride among them to be thoroughly acquainted with the English language and its laws, at least so far that they will never commit gross errors in expressing their thoughts on paper.

The members of the school are arranged in three Divisions, according to their advancement in study. The names of those who have ranked highest in their respective Divisions, in scholarship, attendance and conduct, are as follows:

FIRST DIVISION. *Boys.* — George T. Tilden, John M. Graham, Milton M. Cushing.

Girls — Charlotte A. Caldwell, Mary L. Adams, Cynthia M. Page.

SECOND DIVISION. *Boys.* — John H. Daniels, Charles W. Smiley, Charles A. Cram, Albert B. Haskell.

Girls. — Sarah E. Simonds, Eliza C. Carlton, Charlotte A. Phillips, Fannie I. Tolman, Louisa E. Foster, Nellie A. Smith, Mary Emma Upton.

THIRD DIVISION. *Boys.* — *George Burford, Jr., Waldo C. Corey, Walter A. Davis, James L. Merritt, Frank L. Boutelle, *Frederic B. Cotting, Geo. A. Davis, Daniel Simonds, J. F. Richardson.

Girls. — Abbie L. Wyman, Nellie Armes, Eunice Conn, Tryphosa Jewett, Nancy B. Jewett, Fannie L. Downe, Ellen C. Hawkins, S. Fannie Cleaves, Mary F. Hosmer, Katie B. Adams, Fannie E. Upton, Clara A. Browning, Mary Bardcen, Susan A. Sawtelle, Emily E. Wiswall, Helen E. Sawyer, Georgiana H. Damon, *Abbie E. Downe, Jennie T. Farwell.

* Promoted to the Second Class at the end of the Second Term.

GRAMMAR SCHOOLS.

HIGH STREET. All we have said in previous reports of the high character of this school, is still true of it.

Under the charge of the same accomplished Principal, it fully sustains the high reputation acquired by years of faithful and successful instruction. We never visit this school without pleasant impressions of the good work it is accomplishing. Every class seems to us to be well taught, not only those under the immediate care of the Principal, but those also given in charge of his Assistant Teacher, who is admirably fitted for her work.

We think the town fortunate in being able to retain the valuable services of Mr. Russell and Miss Works.

The leading scholars of the several classes, during the year, have been as follows:

First Class. Boys. — Eben Bailey, Frank G. Fessenden, Chas. Shepley.

Girls. — Maria Farnsworth, Abby J. Lane, Joa Pratt, Julia T. Hitchcock.

Second Class. Boys. — Edward S. Farwell, William M. Ingersoll, William L. Goddard, Frank Whitcomb.

Girls. — Elizabeth L. Goodnow, Mary E. Lyon, Mary L. Snow.

Third Class. Boys. — Harrison Bailey, Edward H. Litch, Joseph W. Palmer.

Girls. — Adelaide Z. McIntire, Myra B. Richardson.

Fourth Class. Boy. — Henry N. Loud.

Girls. — Cynthia Knight, Anna Sawyer, Maria Tenney, Ella Brown.

DAY STREET. The pleasure which was felt when Mr. Lamb was reinstated in the Mastership of this school at the beginning of the Spring Term, after an absence of more than two years, has continued throughout the year. The lady who began the year as Assistant was drawn away from us, after a few weeks, by a larger salary than we were able to offer. Her withdrawal was a serious loss to the town. We were able to place in the vacant chair a young lady of ample acquirements, but of less experience than her predecessor, and throughout the year we were satisfied that our

choice was a wise one. The school has been more quiet, more pleasant, and on the whole, a better school than during any preceding year of its history. We are requested to say, on the authority of the Principal, that whatever success has attended this school the past year, has been largely owing to the good-will of the scholars, and to the fact that, except in one or two instances, the parents have been ready to co-operate heartily with the teachers.

The names of the scholars who have stood highest in their respective classes, are as follows :

First Class. Boy. — Isaac D. Walton.

Girls. — Ella Smith, Edna Lowe, Harriet Smith, Ellen Lowe, Nancy Smith, Eliza Stone, Anna Belding, Harriet Putnam, Elizabeth Wilson.

Second Class. Boy. — Edwin C. Cleaves.

Girls. — Annie Russell, Susan Green, Fannie Browning.

Third Class. Boys. — Elmer Gilmore, George Burnap, Waldo Lowe.

Girls. — Margaret Elliott, Dora Goodrich, Martha Goodrich.

Fourth Class. Boys. — Frank Wheeler, Jerome Kinsman.

Girls. — Hortense Tolman, Emma Young, Mary Prew.

WEST. This school, under the faithful labors of Mr. Carter, has proved entirely successful and satisfactory. The several classes gave good evidence of interest and progress in their studies. The mild yet firm discipline of the teacher, his easy and quiet method of imparting instruction, and his manifest interest in his work, were apparent in the excellent order and generally praiseworthy appearance of the school.

We were glad to see the walls of this beautiful school room adorned with the portraits of noble men, whose characters are worthy of being held in grateful remembrance.

The scholars who have taken the highest rank in the several classes, are as follows :

First Class. Boy. — H. Frank Rockwell.

Girls. — Helen M. Barnes, Elizabeth A. Wheeler, Iantha E. Wilder, Fannie A. Bogart.

Second Class. Boy. — Francis H. Page.

Girl. — Katie Keefe.

Third Class. Boy. — George S. Lyon.

Girl. — H. Ella Mellen.

Fourth Class. Boys. — Charles E. Sheldon, Edwin F. Simonds.

Girls. — Anna M. Lyon, Harriet E. Wetherbee.

BOYS' WINTER. The suspending of the other Grammar Schools for the winter, gave a good teacher to this. Although the term was too short, it was in other respects, just what the scholars needed.

Those whose rank in the several classes was highest, (omitting the names of those who had attended the other Grammar Schools,) were as follows :

First Class. Samuel W. Farwell, George F. Williams, Frederic A. Wilder, Thomas Lennon.

Second Class. Rodney Hall, Stephen C. Lowe, Jas. H. Jones.

Third Class. Frederick W. Houghton, George Oakman, Henry C. Bruce.

DISTRICT SCHOOLS.

DISTRICT NO. 1.

WEST STREET. *Intermediate.* The order in this school was better than ever before. The scholars attending it have for several years had an unenviable reputation for lawlessness and disorder. We think that not only the reputation, but the character of the school has improved.

Primary. The first term, the same experienced teacher who had had the charge of this department for six successive terms, taught with her usual fidelity and success.

The second term, under a change of teachers, was much more than ordinarily successful. It was in some respects a model school. The teacher has evidently a genius for interesting and instructing small children,—for stimulating thought, and waking enthusiasm. The same general result that marked her teaching in No. 6, were plainly apparent here. It shows how much a "live" teacher may do towards making a "live" school.

HIGH STREET. *Intermediate.* The same experienced teacher has had charge of this school for three years. While there was

not quite so much life, animation, and general interest in the classes as we should have been glad to see, a good degree of progress was manifest, especially in individual scholars.

Secondary. This continues to be a good school. We noted the *reading* especially, as easy and natural, giving evidence of judicious training in a department to which due attention is not always given.

Primary. This also continues a good school under the kindly and successful management of the same teacher who has had charge of this department for six terms.

DAY STREET. *Intermediate.* There is no lack of energy on the part of the teacher, and the scholars made fair progress in their studies.

Secondary. We heartily concur with the parents of the children attending this school in the opinion that the teacher is admirably qualified, in every respect, for her work. Every mother knows that her child is safe while under the care of Miss Belding, and the Committee equally know that the instruction is careful, thorough, and judicious.

Primary. The little ones in this school have been well provided for during the year.

SOUTH STREET. *Intermediate.* This school was under the charge of the same teacher who taught it the preceding year. She was faithful, and the advancement of the pupils in their studies was fair. Some difficulty arose in the school in relation to discipline, that slightly disturbed the current of good feeling. But from our view of facts, we do not judge the teacher to have been at fault.

Secondary. This school was kept only nine weeks. The teacher was diligent, and the progress made by the scholars was quite good.

Primary. The teacher of the previous year continued her services in this school, and the same high standard was maintained. Though the regularity of attendance was somewhat disturbed by sickness, yet the school was a profitable one.

EAST STREET. The teacher appeared to labor diligently for the progress of those under her care, and we think their real improvement was much greater than the closing examination indicated.

DISTRICT No. 2. The number of pupils is too large for the school room, with its present furniture. The teacher, who has had the care of the school more than five years, appeared to labor

assiduously for the general good of the children, many of whom are backward for their years. The closing examination, in some respects, appeared well.

DISTRICT No. 3. The relations of the teacher to the pupils always seemed pleasant and the success of the school was fair.

DISTRICT No. 4. This was an admirable school. The lively interest of the pupils in their studies, their faithful application, and the mutual confidence and respect between teacher and pupils were shown in the excellent order of the school and the marked success that rewarded their united labor.

DISTRICT No. 5. This school, like that in No. 2, is composed largely of the children of foreigners. It was not a little unfortunate, that arising from this fact, a misunderstanding existed among individual parents in the district, the result of which was that the teacher who began the year, although manifestly faithful and impartial, and more than usually entitled to the confidence of the district, withdrew from the school at the close of the first term. The teacher who followed her is competent for the place, and appeared to labor with energy. The scholars, as a whole, are somewhat backward in their studies.

DISTRICT No. 6. During the first term, the order was admirable and the improvement great. Indeed so all-pervading was the interest, and so rapid the progress, that we feared too heavy a load had been laid on the delicate brains of the children. We have seldom, if ever, seen such progress in so short a term. Though laboring under the disadvantage of a change of teachers the second term was also successful. We were pleased with the gentle spirit of the teacher, and the good moral tone pervading the school, while the order and progress of the scholars were apparent.

DISTRICT No. 7. This school lacked nothing but in the number of scholars to make it one of the best in town. The teacher, competent, faithful and kind, imparted much of her own spirit to the children.

DISTRICT No. 8. The school is large for one teacher, and nothing but unfailing energy, and patience that never wearies, could succeed in rendering it, what it has been during the year, a very pleasant and prosperous school.

DISTRICT No. 9. The attendance during the first term was small; we thought the progress of the scholars was fair. In the fall term, the attendance was larger, but the order not quite so good.

DISTRICT No. 10. During the first term, under the teacher who had had charge of the school the preceding winter, good order was maintained, and progress was made in some of the branches taught. The teacher of the winter term gave entire satisfaction. The improvement of the school was signal.

DISTRICT No. 11. This school has been under the management of a teacher of large experience, whose faithful and vigorous labors were crowned with marked success. The teaching was thorough and the order excellent. The large number of persons in attendance at the closing examination, though not unusual for this district, attested the general interest in the school.

DISTRICT No. 12. Both summer and winter, the school was apparently satisfactory to the district, and the teachers were diligent. The average scholarship has been steadily advancing for several years, and was certainly higher during the past winter than at any time within the preceding six years.

The following members of the several schools have maintained a perfect attendance during the year. Those whose names are marked with a (*) have maintained perfect attendance for two successive years; those marked with (**) three years, and those marked with (***) four years.

HIGH SCHOOL. *Boys.* — Walter A. Davis, Charles F. Putnam, Charles W. Smiley.

Girls. — Tryphosa Jewett, Nancy B. Jewett, Abbie L. Wyman.

HIGH ST. GRAMMAR. *Boys.* — Eben Bailey, Herbert F. Litch, Warren S. Wetherbee, Frank Whitcomb.

Girls. — Mary E. Lane, Sarah Wilson.

DAY ST. GRAMMAR. *Boys.* — Elmer Gilmore, Herbert Hitchcock, *** Arthur A. Smith, Frank Wheeler.

Girls. — Martha Goodrich, Mary Prew, Harriet Putnam, Harriet Wilson.

WEST GRAMMAR. *Boys.* — George S. Lyon, *Chas. E. Sheldon.
Girl. — Elizabeth A. Wheeler.

BOYS' WINTER. Rodney Hall, James H. Jones, Stephen C. Lowe, John Mullen, James R. Perkins, Frederic A. Wilder.

WEST ST. INTERMEDIATE. *Boys.* — Charles H. Benton, John Fitzgerald, Jerry Shea, Thomas E. Sheldon.

Girls. — Ada Abbott, Lucy Bliss, Myra T. Marble, Clara L. Rugg, Elizabeth Shea.

HIGH ST. INTERMEDIATE. *Boys.* — Dwight Jackson, Fr. Jackson.

Girls. — Annie Emerson, Sarah King, A. Caroline Litch, Mary Palmer, Sarah F. Wright, Emma Webber, **Julia A. Whitcomb.

HIGH ST. SECONDARY. *Boys.* — John F. Brown, Frederic R. Comee, Geo. A. Gough, Frank Gough, Frank C. Leland.

Girls. — Edith F. Buttrick, Henrietta Cheney, Effie J. Dunn, Laura A. Jaquith, Olivia S. Starkey.

HIGH ST. PRIMARY. *Girls.* — Elizabeth Lawrence, *Maria Patch.

DAY ST. INTERMEDIATE. *Boys.* — Perrin Adams, Richard Adams, *Frank Corey, Almont Fitz, *Arthur A. Glines, Julius Morton, John Sabin.

Girls. — Addie Goodrich, Susan Tarbell, Susan Waite, Emma Waite.

DAY ST. SECONDARY. *Boys.* — Thomas A. Feely, Edward H. Fletcher, Charles S. Smith, Clarence W. Steinhart.

Girls. — Emma F. Davis, Hannah Desmond, Ida F. Mecorney, Sarah L. Wheeler.

DAY ST., PRIMARY. *Boys.* — Frederick Goodrich, Ivers Walker.

SOUTH ST. INTERMEDIATE. *Boys.* — *Geo. Stone, Geo. Wilder.

Girls. — Ella Cheney, Ella Garland, Ella Stone, *Emma Wells,

SOUTH ST. SECONDARY. *Boys.* — Ellery J. Harris.

Girls. — Emma J. Classon, Ella Jaquith, Lucia J. Lakin, Laura J. Putnam, Lucy Rice, Alfaretta W. Trow, Elizabeth Waterhouse.

SOUTH ST. PRIMARY. *Girls.* — Ella M. Farmer, Elizabeth E. Howland, Marion W. King.

EAST STREET. *Boys.* — Albert N. Lowe, **Arthur H. Lowe, Orin M. Lowe, Oziel Stockwell.

No. 2. *Boy.* — Frank Blanchard. *Girl.* — *Eunice A. Goddard.

No. 3. *Boys.* — William Bemis, Clarence Pratt.

Girls. — Jennie M. Drew, Alzada Smith.

No. 4. *Boy.* — Franklin Whitman.

No. 6. *Boy.* — George Manly.

Girls. — *Abbie Harrington, *Clara Harrington, Laura Winchester, Mary Winchester.

No. 7. *Boy.* — William N. Denison. *Girl.* — Ellen Hart.

No. 8. *Boys.* — *Charles Bogart, John Flemming, Elnory Hartwell, Walter Hartwell.

No. 9. *Girl.* — ***Ardelia A. Lamb.

No. 10. *Boys.* — Frank M. Kinsman, Nelson A. Thurston.

Girls. — Lelia M. Farwell, Lelia M. Page, Helen J. Wilkins.

We cannot close our report without reminding our fellow citizens of the greatness of the work which our schools ought to accomplish. The main business of our children from five to fifteen years of age is to attend school. While it is the chief purpose of the school to give them facilities for the development of the intellect and the acquisition of knowledge, there are other matters of vast importance which ought to receive incidental attention. Good manners, in the broadest sense of the word, and good morals should be kept in view, at least so far as to prevent the school from becoming the nursery of bad habits. The teacher should guard against everything, in himself and in his scholars, which can destroy the influence of the lessons of politeness, quietness, order and gentleness which they receive at home. Much more should he be careful to avoid whatever can impair their conscientiousness or interfere with the lessons of purity and integrity inculcated by their parents.

The education which is most valuable is that which develops every part of the child's nature in due proportion. It is not the principal work of the public school to develop the moral nature which is the most important part. But while this great and first duty cannot be assumed by the town or the State, the public school should so perform its work of cultivating the intellect and imparting useful knowledge, that at least no injury shall be sustained by the scholars in their personal characters, but if any influence be exerted, it shall be for the establishment of good principles and good habits.

Our teachers occupy a position of immense responsibility in being entrusted with the care of our children during so large a part of every day. Let them endeavor to meet that responsibility with some appreciation of its greatness. And let the people of the town endeavor by all suitable means to co-operate with the teachers in the endeavor to render those who are now children, good and useful men and women.

KENDALL BROOKS,	} <i>School Committee</i>
WILLIAM P. TILDEN,	
E. FOSTER BAILEY,	
	<i>of</i>
	<i>Fitchburg.</i>

April 14th, 1862.

MEMORANDUM.

The current term of the High and Grammar Schools will close on Thursday, July 3.

The second term will begin on Monday, August 25, and close on the Friday preceding Thanksgiving.

The third term will begin on the Monday after Thanksgiving, and continue till Friday, March 13.

The examination for admission to the High School, will be on Friday, March 27, at 9 o'clock, A. M., at which time all who may desire to be admitted to the school, will be expected to attend at the High School room, without further notice.

Scholars will be transferred from the District to the Grammar Schools, at the end of the school year, in March.

SCHEDULE OF STUDIES IN THE HIGH SCHOOL.

SPRING TERM.	FALL TERM.	WINTER TERM.
Latin Gram. and Reader, do. and Cæsar, do. and Virgil, do. and Cicero.	Latin Gram. and Reader, do. and Cæsar, do. and Virgil.	Latin Gram. and Reader, do. and Virgil, do. and Cicero.
Greek Gram. and Reader, Greek Gram. and Reader.	Greek Gram. and Lessons, do. and Reader.	Greek Gram. and Lessons, do. and Reader.
Greek and Latin Comp'n.	Greek and Latin Comp'n.	Greek and Latin Comp'n.
French Gram. and Reader, Some French Author.	French Gram. and Reader, Some French Author.	French Gram. and Reader, Some French Author.
Arithmetic, Algebra, Geometry.	Arithmetic, Geometry, Trigonometry, or advanced Algebra.	Arithmetic and Algebra, Geometry, Book Keeping.
History.	History.	History.
English Grammar, Rhetoric.	English Grammar, Moral Science.	English Grammar. Watts on the Mind.
Physical Geography, or Botany.*	Chemistry, or Geology.* Physiology, or Astronomy.*	Natural Philosophy.

* In alternate years.

In addition to the above which are daily studies, there are weekly exercises in Reading, Spelling and Mental Arithmetic, in which all the scholars are expected to participate, and a weekly recitation in Ancient Geography, or Modern Geography, or Ancient History, for boys who are fitting for college.

An exercise in English Composition is expected of every member of the school once in four weeks, and a Declamation from each boy once in four weeks.

SCHOOLS AND TEACHERS.

SCHOOLS.	TEACHERS.	WAGES.	Under the Special charge of	
		<i>Per year.</i>		
HIGH SCHOOL, - -	{ Hanson L. Read, A. M. - - - Catharine Haskell, - - -	\$1000 } 300 }	Mr. Brooks.	
GRAMMAR SCHOOLS.				
High Street, - - -	{ Levi W. Russell, A. M., - - - Helen E. Works, - - -	700 } 210 }	Mr. Tilden.	
Day Street, - - -	{ Charles Lamb, - - - Annie S. Haskell, - - -	700 } 210 }	Mr. Brooks.	
West, - - - -	Charles W. Carter, - - - -	600	Mr. Tilden.	
Boys' Winter, - -	Levi W. Russell, A. M., - - -	<i>Per month.</i> 43 31		
DISTRICT SCHOOLS.				
District No. 1.	West St. Intermediate,	Louisa M. Tolman, - - - -	20	Mr. Brooks.
	West St. Primary,	{ Loenza B. McIntire, 1st term, - Mary E. Smith, 2d term, - -	20 } 20 }	Mr. Tilden.
	High St. Intermediate,	Mary E. Russell, - - - -	20	"
	High St. Secondary,	Martha M. Fairbanks, - - -	20	"
	High St. Primary,	Caroline M. Stone, - - - -	20	"
	Day St. Intermediate,	Eliza S. C. Trask, - - - -	20	Mr. Brooks.
	Day St. Secondary,	Lois S. Belding, - - - -	20	"
	Day St. Primary,	S. Augusta Dean, - - - -	20	"
	South St. Intermediate,	Lucy A. Goodrich, - - - -	20	Mr. Bailey,
	South St. Secondary,	Helen A. Woodward, - - -	20	"
	South St. Primary,	Louisa A. Smith, - - - -	20	"
	East Street, - - -	Mary A. Russell, - - - -	20	"
District No. 2, - -	Susan Perry, - - - -	20	"	
District No. 3, - -	Sarah L. Flagg, - - - -	20	"	
District No. 4,	Abbie M. Lovell, - - - -	20	Mr. Tilden.	
District No. 5, - -	{ Abbie L. Daniels, 1st term, - - Lizzie Graham, 2d term, . -	20 } 20 }	Mr. Bailey.	
District No. 6, -	{ Mary E. Smith, 1st term, - - Carrie C. Davis, 2d term, - -	20 } 20 }	Mr. Tilden.	
District No. 7, - -	Anna B. Farr, - - - -	20	Mr. Brooks,	
District No. 8, - -	Mary J. Davis, - - - -	20	"	
District No. 9, - -	Nancy B. Phillips, - - - -	20	Mr. Bailey.	
District No. 10, - -	{ Ann Clement, 1st term, - - Harriet P. Gates, - - - -	20 } 20 }	"	
District No. 11, - -	Harriet P. Gates, - - - -	20	Mr. Tilden.	
District No. 12, - -	Addie L. May, 1st term, - - - Edwin Gates, 2d term, - - -	18 22 1-2	Mr. Brooks.	

ATTENDANCE EACH TERM.

SCHOOLS.				FIRST TERM.			SECOND TERM.			THIRD TERM.		
				Whole No.	Average mem- bership.	Average attend- ance.	Whole No.	Average mem- bership.	Average attend- ance.	Whole No.	Average mem- bership.	Average attend- ance.
HIGH SCHOOL,				95	83	79	85	79	75	81	73	68
GRAMMAR SCHOOLS,												
High Street,				80	69	63	78	71	68			
Day Street,				101	89	80	94	84	80			
West,				37	33	30	42	41	39			
Boys' Winter,										56	54	49
DISTRICT SCHOOLS.												
District No. 1.	{ West St. Intermediate,			42	40	38	44	42	39			
	{ West St. Primary,			55	52	43	47	46	39			
	{ High St. Intermediate,			57	52	48	56	54	49			
	{ High St. Secondary,			48	44	42	52	52	47			
	{ High St. Primary,			55	53	48	54	53	46			
	{ Day St. Intermediate,			54	51	40	55	51	48			
	{ Day St. Secondary,			46	43	41	56	52	50			
	{ Day St. Primary,			56	49	42	61	56	52			
	{ South St. Intermediate,			63	59	52	48	47	41			
	{ South St. Secondary,						63	55	45			
	{ South St. Primary,			80	74	67	65	56	49			
	{ East Street,			35	31	24	29	25	23			
	District No. 2,				53	50	46	48	46	42		
" No. 3,				60	51	44	68	62	56			
" No. 4,				17	16	14	20	17	16			
" No. 5,				44	38	31	45	42	39			
" No. 6,				22	21	19	25	24	23			
" No. 7,				21	20	17	23	21	20			
" No. 8,				53	50	47	55	49	45			
" No. 9,				21	17	15	34	32	27			
" No. 10,				22	22	19				26	26	23
" No. 11,				37	35	31	50	47	41			
" No. 12,				28	26	20				40	36	30
Total,				1292	1138	1048	1297	1204	1099	203	189	170

ATTENDANCE FOR THE YEAR.

SCHOOLS.		Whole Number.	Average Membership.	Average Attendance.	Ratio of Attendance to Membership.	Instances of Lateness during the year.	No. not once absent.				No. not absent or late during the year.	
							First Term.	Second Term.	Third Term.	For the Year.		
HIGH SCHOOL,		117	78	73	.94	36	17	17	12	6	6	
GRAMMAR SCHOOLS,												
High Street,		92	70	66	.94	17	16	11		7	6	
Day Street,		113	87	80	.92	18	16	29		8	8	
West,		51	37	35	.95	27	6	11		3	2	
Boys' Winter,		56	54	49	.91	13			14	14	14	
DISTRICT SCHOOLS.												
District No. 1.	West St. Intermediate,	46	41	39	.94	20	16	17		10	9	
	West St. Primary,	58	49	41	.84	22	1	11		1		
	High St. Intermediate,	62	53	49	.91	33	16	17		9	9	
	High St. Secondary,	60	48	45	.93	39	20	20		11	11	
	High St. Primary,	70	53	47	.89	41	7	10		2	2	
	Day St. Intermediate,	63	51	44	.86	77	17	20		11	10	
	Day St. Secondary,	63	48	46	.96	42	14	22		10	8	
	Day St. Primary,	86	53	47	.90	44	8	10		2	2	
	South St. Intermediate,	70	53	47	.90	64	14	14		7	6	
	South St. Secondary,	63	55	45	.82	59		16		8	8	
	South St. Primary,	92	65	58	.89	73	12	9		3	3	
	East Street,	41	28	24	.84	50	5	8		4	4	
	District No. 2,		56	48	44	.92	196	4	9		2	2
	" No. 3,		76	57	50	.88	12	10	12		4	4
	" No. 4,		21	17	15	.91	26	2	5		2	1
" No. 5,		49	40	35	.88	172	1	8				
" No. 6,		28	23	21	.93	18	9	10		5	5	
" No. 7,		28	21	19	.90	22	3	8		3	2	
" No. 8,		62	50	46	.93	31	11	16		5	4	
" No. 9,		35	25	21	.86	17	2	7		2	2	
" No. 10,		29	24	21	.88	26	8		14	8	5	
" No. 11,		55	41	36	.88	52	10	10		4	4	
" No. 12,		45	31	25	.81	111	1		6	1		
Total,		1687	1300	1168	.90	1358	256	317	46	152	137	

EXPENSES OF THE SCHOOLS.

SCHOOLS.	Money on hand, April 1, 1861	Money appropriated.	Length of Schools in Weeks.	Amount paid Teachers.	Fuel & care of Rooms.	Whole expense.	Weekly Expense for each scholar of the average Membership.	Money Remaining.
HIGH SCHOOL,			42	\$1200.00	\$142.99	\$1342.99	\$.410	
GRAM. SCHOOLS.								
High Street,			28	606.67	49.98	656.65	.335	
Day Street,	\$91.18	5192.33	28	612.17	69.64	681.81	.280	\$2000
West,			28	400.00	32.49	432.49	.418	
Boys' Winter,			12	129.92	39.65	169.57	.261	
DIST. SCHOOLS.								
DISTRICT No. 1.			20	100.00				
			20	100.00				
			20	100.00				
			20	100.00				
			20	100.00				
			20	100.00	238.05	1383.05	.121	
		1383.05	20	100.00				
			20	100.00				
			20	100.00				
			20	100.00				
			9	45.00				
			20	100.00				
			20	100.00				
			20	100.00				
District No. 2,		113.29	20	100.00	13.29	113.29	.118	
“ No. 3,		107.00	20	100.00	7.00	107.00	.095	
“ No. 4,		112.00	20	100.00	12.00	112.00	.339	
“ No. 5,		111.06	20	100.00	11.06	111.06	.139	
“ No. 6,		100.00	20	100.00		100.00	.222	
“ No. 7,		102.00	20	100.00	2.00	102.00	.249	
“ No. 8,		105.00	20	100.00	5.00	105.00	.106	
“ No. 9,	5.41	84.59	18	90.00		90.00	.230	
“ No. 10,		101.95	18	91.50	10.45	101.95	.265	
“ No. 11,	9.26	116.81	20	102.25	23.82	126.07	.154	
“ No. 12,		112.90	20	101.25	11.56	112.90	.182	
Total,	105.85	7741.98		5178.76	669.07	5847.83	.201	2000

AUDITOR'S REPORT.

The Board of Auditors chosen at the last annual meeting of the Town, have examined the accounts of the various departments of the Town government, and submit the following as the result of their labors.

HIGHWAYS.

Under this general heading, we have grouped together all the expenditures of the year upon Highways, Bridges, Sidewalks, Sluices and Crossings, including building new, and repairs and care of the old.

REPAIRS OF HIGHWAYS.

Paid Abram Osborn,	\$77 62
Joseph Smith,	64 60
E. C. Hayden,	679 92
Silas Pratt,	705 93
Daniel S. Eaton,	47 68
Levi Downe,	45 16
Charles K. Sawyer,	60 93
Samuel Farwell, 2d,	42 20
Benjamin Safford,	43 90
Oliver Kendall,	50 50
James McIntire,	89 13
Daniel Works,	83 16
Joel Page,	62 50
N. B. Hadley,	129 98
Joseph Upton,	25 87
Walter Wiswell,	39 97
Levi L. Shattuck,	70 16
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<i>Carried over,</i>	2319 21

<i>Brought over,</i>	\$2319 21	
Paid James P. Putnam,	51 87	
Jonathan Whitman,	76 85	
N. S. Boutelle,	62 77	
Edward Smith,	52 97	
George E. Waite,	193 63	
Prentiss & Story, for grate,	5 80	
William Winch, for covering-stones,	12 82	
Horace Platt,	7 00	
Use of tools,	3 00	
	<hr/>	2785 92

REPAIRS OF BRIDGES.

Paid Jonathan Whitman,	3 12	
D. F. McIntire, for plank,	34 27	
J. P. Putnam,	2 00	
S. A. Wheeler & Co.,	6 50	
	<hr/>	45 89

CULVERTS AND SLUICES.

Paid William Murnane,	5 00	
Whitman & Miles,	20 00	
S. A. Wheeler & Co.,	9 75	
Elliott Wood, half of a Culvert,	8 75	
	<hr/>	43 50

REMOVALS OF SNOW.

Paid E. C. Hayden,	118 00	
Silas Pratt,	104 78	
Oliver Kendall,	23 06	
Loriston Stockwell,	1 25	
Levi L. Shattuck,	15 32	
Levi Downe,	23 78	
Joseph Smith,	49 82	
Edward Smith,	13 26	
Benjamin Safford,	14 50	
Daniel S. Eaton,	12 98	
N. S. Boutelle,	21 88	
Walter Wiswell,	18 29	
A. F. Adams,	1 33	
Joseph Upton,	29 15	
Daniel Works,	26 06	
George E. Waite,	4 00	
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<i>Carried over,</i>	477 46	

<i>Brought over,</i>	\$477 46	
Paid Jonathan Whitman,	5 98	
Samuel Farwell, 2d,	11 19	
James McIntire,	30 19	
James P. Putnam,	9 33	
N. B. Hadley,	7 07	
Charles K. Sawyer,	17 22	
Abram Osborn,	13 44	
Joel Page,	40 59	
	<hr/>	612 47

Total of expenditures under the special appropriation above mentioned,	3487 78
Amount raised and appropriated by vote for repairs of Highways and Bridges, Culverts, and removals of snow,	6000 00
Balance of funds unexpended,	2512 22

SIDEWALKS AND CROSSINGS.

Paid A. Wetherbee & Co., repairs,	13 76
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RAILINGS FOR HIGHWAYS.

Paid Levi Downe, Farwell road,	16 00	
Jonathan Whitman,	9 67	
Silas Pratt, Ashburnham road,	28 56	
George E. Waite,	54 50	
	<hr/>	108 73

LIGHTING STREETS.

Paid A. A. Beckwith, repairs,	4 60	
Levi Stevens, repairs,	4 05	
Jones & Bateman, repairs,	2 00	
E. E. Farrar, care of,	103 12	
S. P. Emory, care of,	31 25	
Gas,	454 04	
	<hr/>	599 06

WATERING STREETS.

Paid S. F. Atherton, for water and power,	60 00	
H. A. Hatch,	107 30	
C. W. Jaquith,	122 50	
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<i>Carried over,</i>	289 80	

<i>Brought over,</i>	\$289 80	
Paid C. P. Marshall, repairs of tank,	12 00	
	<u> </u>	
	301 80	
<i>Contra,</i>		
By cash received,	129 90	
	<u> </u>	171 90

SUNDRIES.

Paid J. S. C. Knowlton, D. & B. case.	12 87	
Hoar & Davis, "	17 95	
William Woodbury, Jr., guide board,	50	
Stone-bounds,	3 42	
	<u> </u>	
<i>Contra,</i>		
Received from Lunenburg, half stone-bounds,	34 74	
	1 46	
	<u> </u>	33 28

EDUCATION.

Under this head we have arranged all expenditures for educational purposes, including Schools and Library.

SCHOOLS.

Amount raised and appropriated by vote for		
High, Grammar, and District Schools,	7500 00	
Due of last years appropriations,	105 85	
Received from Commonwealth,	257 98	
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Total of available funds,		7863 83

Apportioned as follows :

	Balances due March 31, 1861.	Appropriations for 1861.	State Funds.	Totals.
HIGH AND GRAMMAR,	\$91 18	\$4946 10	\$246 23	\$5283 51
District No. 1,		1381 80	1 25	1383 05
No. 2,		113 29		113 29
No. 3,		107 00		107 00
No. 4,		112 00		112 00
No. 5,		111 06		111 06
No. 6,		100 00		100 00
No. 7,		102 00		102 00
No. 8,		105 00		105 00
No. 9,	5 41	84 59		90 00
No. 10,		92 95	9 00	101 95
No. 11,	9 26	116 81		126 07
No. 12,		111 40	1 50	112 90
Town of Ashby, 2 yrs Schooling of Gibson children,		16 00		16 00
Totals as above,	\$105 85	\$7500 00	\$257 98	\$7863 83

Of these amounts there has been expended, as
per vouchers filed,

5863 83

Leaving due from Town,

2000 00

Totals as before,

7863 83

Expenditures as follows :

	Expenditures.	Balances due.	Totals.
HIGH AND GRAMMAR,	\$3283 51	\$2000 00	\$5283 51
District No. 1,	1383 05		1383 05
No. 2,	113 29		113 29
No. 3,	107 00		107 00
No. 4,	112 00		112 00
No. 5,	111 06		111 06
No. 6,	100 00		100 00
No. 7,	102 00		102 00
No. 8,	105 00		105 00
No. 9,	90 00		90 00
No. 10,	101 95		101 95
No. 11,	126 07		126 07
No. 12,	112 90		112 90
J. K. Gibson, children 2 years,	16 00		16 00
Totals as before,	\$5863 83	\$2000 00	\$7863 83

SCHOOL HOUSES AND FURNITURE.

DISTRICT No. 1.

Paid Parkhurst & Aldrich, West Street,	\$146 87	
Wm. L. Eager, 8 chairs,	3 00	
A. A. Beckwith,	5 82	
J. M. Carpenter,	8 96	
Daniel Messinger,	3 00	
Amos Durant,	10 41	
Lorenzo Barker, Day street,	7 89	
Thomas Upton, South street,	1 00	
T. S. Blood,	5 33	
Waldo Wallace,	1 42	
A. Stockwell,	25	
A. S. Dole,	2 75	
A. A. Beckwith, High street,	19 31	
Parkhurst & Aldrich, High street,	9 40	
Parkhurst & Aldrich, Day street,	10 43	
Parkhurst & Aldrich, Day street,	21 08	
Parkhurst & Aldrich, High street,	13 06	
Thomas Larkin, Day street,	5 00	
Litch & Sawtell, High street,	18 54	
I. T. Babbitt, South street,	7 21	
L. Patch & Co., High street,	1 75	
T. C. Caldwell,	6 04	
Lucius Aldrich,	9 62	
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Contra,

By cash damage on old Academy,	16 57	
By cash for damage at Day street,	9 00	— 25 57
		<hr/> 292 57

DISTRICT No. 3.

Paid J. W. Allen & Co., for stove,	7 73	
J. P. Sabin, for repairs,	75	— 8 48

DISTRICT No. 4.

Paid Silas Hosmer,	17	
A. A. Beckwith,	7 67	— 7 84

DISTRICT No. 5.

Paid William Woodbury,	3 55	
Joseph Phelps,	1 38	
L. E. Osborn,	6 25	— 11 18

Carried over,

320 07

Brought over,

\$320 07

DISTRICT No. 7.

Paid G. H. Kinsman, fence for G. S. House,	119 61	
J. W. Chandler,	18	
Litch & Sawtell, for G. S. House,	5 09	
A. Simonds & Son,	38	
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	125 26	

Contra,

Received, S. S. Farrar, part of fence,	14 18	
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		111 08

DISTRICT No. 8.

Paid Amos Durant,	24 05	
G. P. Wood,	15 86	
Jones & Bateman,	54	
A. Wetherbee & Co.,	1 50	
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		41 95

DISTRICT No. 9.

Paid A. A. Beckwith,		2 17
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DISTRICT No. 10.

Paid Aaron Wilkins,	2 99	
A. Wetherbee, & Co.	3 75	
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		6 74

DISTRICT No. 11.

Paid Benjamin Safford,	1 66	
Prentiss & Story.	1 50	
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		3 16

DISTRICT No. 12.

Paid William L. Kinsman,	2 25	
Total of expenditures,	<hr/>	\$487 42
Add appraised value March 31, 1861,		42057 37
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		42544 79
Deduct appraised value March 31, 1862,		42078 62
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Depreciation and repairs of School Houses and Furniture for the year,		466 17

TOWN LIBRARY.

Appraised value March 31, 1861,	2900 00	
Paid to order of Trustees,	600 00	
	<u> </u>	3500 00
Appraised value March 31, 1861,		3000 00
		<u> </u>
Depreciation, care, and wear,		500 00

For detailed account of above expenditures, see Trustees' Report.

SUNDRIES.

Paid Insurance on South Street House,	20 75
Insurance on West Street House.	13 50
Charles Johnson, School Records,	2 50
C. W. Jaquith, Horse hire School Com.	36 50
Kendall Brooks, School Committee,	99 75
Wm. P. Tilden, School Committee,	62 25
E. F. Bailey, School Committee,	61 00
School Books,	38 43
	<u> </u>
	334 68

Contra,

Collected by Tax for Books,	1 84	
	<u> </u>	332 84

SUPPORT AND ASSISTANCE OF POOR.

ALMSHOUSE.

Appraised value of Pauper Establishment,		
March 31, 1861,	\$12255 29	
Expenditures during the year,	2024 17	
	<u> </u>	14279 46

Contra,

Receipts and Sundries sold,	768 57	
Appraised value of property March 31, 1862,	12491 31	
	<u> </u>	13259 88
		<u> </u>
Total Expenses at Almshouse,		1019 58

For further details of operations at Almshouse,
see report of Overseers of the Poor.

SUPPORT OF POOR OUTSIDE OF ALMSHOUSE.

Paid Sarah Smith, for Mrs. C. P. Farnsworth,	\$7 00
Peter Wright for Geo. Coughlin,	6 00
James Whittemore, for W. B. Harris,	3 00
Levi Pillsbury, for Peter Washburn,	4 25
Mechanic's Union, sundries,	168 52
Cyrus Thurston, sundries,	64 69
Lunatic Hospital, for F. Doherty,	110 21
Geo. Jewett, for Geo. McLaughlin,	6 75
E. N. Choate, sundries,	25 34
Mrs. C. Hayward, sundries,	22 00
A. Hitchcock, for Wm. Feeley,	12 00
T. R. Boutelle, for Wm. Feeley,	2 00
Martin Thompson, for Eliza Wetherbee,	65 25
Lucinda Flint, for Mrs. Buck,	3 00
E. A. Pratt, for Mrs. Buck,	3 00
Charles Ide, sundries,	105 66
State Reform School, for Jas. McGrath,	19 50
Leominster, for family of C. Baldwin,	20 92
Wm. Leggett, for foundling child,	10 00
Town of Mendon, for Peter S. Craig,	87 10
Rainsford Hospital, for Joshua Wilder,	46 92
Mary Conner, for Mrs. McGinnis,	35 00
Wm. Jaseph, for Jane McLaughlin,	57 86
J. P. Sabin, for Mrs. C. P. Farnsworth,	3 00
Joseph Baldwin, 2d, sundries,	38 64
Waldo Wallace, sundries,	63 98
D. Jennison, sundries,	10 81
Streeter & Wheeler, sundries,	10 76
William Kimball, sundries,	51 02
Ellen Healy, for Mrs. McGinnis,	10 00
G. F. Maynard, for Peter Washburn,	2 25
Norman Stone, for coal,	23 90
County of Worcester, for W. W. Griswold,	12 86
Jane A. Holden, for Peter Washburn,	44 75
John Andrews, for Alex. McMan,	3 00
E. W. Manning, for Jacob Bailey,	4 51
C. N. Wilson, for Mrs. Hannegan,	8 46
H. A. Hatch, sundries,	20 00
Catharine Waters, for Julia Noonan,	12 00
Patrick Kelley, for assistance in sickness,	7 00
A. K. Porter, for Peter Washburn,	2 12

Carried over,

1215 03

<i>Brought over,</i>	\$1215 03	
Paid S. H. Bowman, for Peter Washburn,	3 62	
Town of Malden, for family C. Copeland,	19 88	
Abel Manning, for McGinnis,	3 50	
Mary Flynn, for Mrs P. Shine,	12 00	
D. F. McIntire, sundries,	4 75	
S. D. Willis sundries,	43 61	
J. E. Manning, for J. D. Boynton,	5 00	
Wm. M. Barrett, for Lucy Nichols,	8 50	
Joseph Cushing, for Wood,	17 63	
C. W. Jaquith, sundries,	8 75	
W. F. Day, sundries,	13 50	
L. Sprague & Co., sundries,	71 88	
J. L. Tenney, sundries,	1 25	
Horace Hayward, for Peter Washburn,	1 87	
E. C. Hayden, sundries,	11 50	
T. C. Caldwell, sundries,	37 00	
J. B. Lane, sundries,	2 50	
William Murnane, for M. O. Donnell,	1 00	
N. Upham, sundries,	12 00	
Sheldon & Works, sundries,	9 96	
Carlos Childs, for Susan M. Lowe,	52 00	
Joseph Smith, for Joseph Baldwin,	49 00	
S. A. Gibson, for G. P. Warren,	8 00	
Medical Attendance, sundries,	58 25	
Levi Downe, sundries,	10 31	
Due State Lunatic Hospital,	36 14	
State Reform School,	6 50	
Sundries furnished from Almshouse,	100 32	
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Contra,

Received of South Reading,	66 52
“ Northfield,	2 00
“ William Leggett,	10 00
“ Rainsford Hospital,	2 62
“ Royalston,	33 50
“ Roxbury,	10 00
“ Bolton,	2 30
Due from town of Dracutt,	14 73
“ Groton,	3 00
“ South Reading,	5 50
“ Templeton,	7 45

Carried over,

157 62 - 1825 25

	<i>Brought over,</i>	\$157 62	— 1825 25
Due from	Belchertown,	3 85	
"	Boston,	5 50	
"	Luther E. Lane, Admr.	88 00	
"	Commonwealth,	65 71	
		<hr/>	320 68
Total support of Poor outside Almshouse,			<hr/> 1504 57

SUNDRIES.

Paid Cyrus Thurston, Overseer,	89 00	
Levi Downe, Overseer,	42 00	
William Kinball, Overseer,	20 00	
Postages and Express,	2 74	
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Total support of Poor outside,	1504 57	
Expenses at Almshouse,	1019 58	
Sundries,	153 74	
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Whole expenses for support and assistance of the Poor,		2677 89

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

ENGINES AND HOUSES.

Appraised value of Houses, Apparatus, and Fixtures, March 31, 1861,		10126 79
Expenditures as follows,		
Paid Lucius Aldrich, on House No. 4,	54 35	
C. P. Marshall,	7 75	
C. P. Marshall, repairs on Hose, No. 3,	3 00	
C. P. Marshall, repairs on Hose, No. 4,	1 50	
C. P. Marshall, repairs on Hose, No. 5,	1 50	
R. H. Crosby, repairs on No. 5,	2 36	
Earl Warren, for leading Hose,	300 54	
Earl Warren, for covering suction Hose,	31 00	
S. G. Frost, for No. 3,	3 25	
Lucius Aldrich, for No. 1,	1 00	
Lucius Aldrich, for No. 2,	8 78	
Lucius Aldrich, for No. 3,	12 63	
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<i>Carried over,</i>	427 66	— 10126 79

<i>Brought over,</i>	\$427 66-10126 79
Lucius Aldrich, for No. 5,	7 02
Lucius Aldrich, for Hook and Ladder,	5 82
Lucius Aldrich, for Hose Company,	5 53
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Total of expenditures,	446 03
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	10572 82
Appraised value March 31, 1862,	10278 25
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Repairs and depreciation of property,	294 57

MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES OF FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Paid 15 Minors,	\$22 50
R. H. Crosby, Steward No. 5,	11 00
Firemen one month to May 1st,	191 21
Engineers one month to May 1st,	15 55
Woolen Mill, rent of land for No. 3,	15 00
David Boutelle, rent of land for No. 2,	25 00
Lucius Aldrich, for No. 1,	15 77
Lucius Aldrich, for No. 2,	27 78
Lucius Aldrich, for No. 3,	6 50
Lucius Aldrich, for No. 4,	24 62
Lucius Aldrich, for No. 5,	34 44
Lucius Aldrich, for Hook and Ladder,	19 62
J. W. Chandler, for horse hire,	1 00
S. G. Frost, for No. 3,	33 41
J. M. Wright, for No. 1,	17 67
Lemuel Long, storing engine one year,	6 67
Gas for Houses,	9 20
N. B. Hadley, horse hire, No. 4,	6 00
Due Firemen for 11 months,	1906 67
Engineers for 11 months,	105 42
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Total Miscellaneous expenses,	2495 03
Repairs and depreciation of Engines and fixtures,	294 57
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Total expenses of Fire Department,	2789 60
For further details of operations of this department, see Engineer's report.	

TOWN HOUSE.

Appraised value March 31, 1861,	20724 50	
Expenditures as follows:		
Paid A. A. Beckwith, repairs,	5 68	
Willis & Lane, repairs,	45 00	
Lorenzo Barker, repairs,	4 07	
Luke Temple, repairs,	20 00	
Litch & Sawtell, repairs,	1 80	
A. Wetherbee & Co., repairs,	11 35	
J. W. Allen & Co., repairs,	50	
Norman Stone, for coal,	78 48	
E. E. Farrar, care of house,	103 13	
S. P. Emory, care of house,	31 25	
C.W.Jaquith, repair'g Acqueduct,	3 00	
Gas,	306 80	
Levi Stevens, gas fixtures,	9 37	
	620 43	
	<hr/>	21344 93
<i>Contra,</i>		
Received for rent of Halls,	388 15	
For rent of Post Office,	100 00	
For rent of Meat Cellar,	79 99	
For rent of Court Rooms,	300 00	
Due for rent of Halls,	22 00	
	<hr/>	890 14
Appraised value March 31, 1862,	20714 25	
	<hr/>	21604 39
Excess of Receipts over Expenditures,		<hr/> 259 46

TAXES.

EXPENSES OF ASSESSMENT.

Paid Charles Burleigh, services as Assessor,	\$167 50	
Isaac B. Woodward, "	169 81	
William Woodbury, Jr., "	163 87	
	<hr/>	501 18

EXPENSES OF COLLECTION AND DISCOUNT.

Paid A. P. Kimball, for collections.	421 17	
A. P. Kimball, for discounts,	2101 46	
	<hr/>	2522 63
<i>Carried over,</i>		<hr/> 3023 81

Brought over,

\$3023 81

ABATEMENTS.

Lucinda Gibson, per vote of town,	\$15 20	
Mr. Silk, illegal tax,	1 82	
Harriet A. Downe, per Assessors,	5 84	
Samuel Smith,	1 32	
Daniel Tuttle,	" 49	
A. Davis & Co.,	" 19 60	
J. S. & J. Gill,	" 7 84	
A. P. Kimball,	" 50 24	
Patrick O'Harra,	" 7 28	
Walter Whitney,	" 2 08	
E. H. Cate,	" 4 90	
Levi L. Shattuck,	" 3 12	
David Boutelle,	" 1 48	
A. P. Kimball release on 113 volunteers,	227 13	
A. P. Kimball, on polls per vote of town,	60 30	
	<hr/>	408 64
Total assessment, collection and abatements,		<hr/> \$3432 45

STATE AND COUNTY TAX.

State Tax,	1365 00	
County Tax,	5331 45	
	<hr/>	6696 45

LIQUOR AGENCIES.

JAMES B. LANE.

Liquor on hand March 31, 1861,	800 00	
Cash paid for services,	125 00	
	<hr/>	925 00
<i>Contra,</i>		
Cash paid to Treasurer,	300 00	
Liquor on hand March 31, 1862,	650 00	
Less for cash due from Town,	7 92	
	<hr/>	642 08
	<hr/>	942 08
Gain at Lane's Agency,		<hr/> 17 08

JOHN CHOATE.

Cash paid to start with,	150 00	
Services to April 1st,	16 12	
	<u> </u>	166 12
<i>Contra,</i>		
Liquor on hand March 31, 1862,	143 75	
Cash due the Town March 31, 1862,	1 50	
Cash allowed in settlement,	16 12	
	<u> </u>	161 37
		<u> </u>
Loss at Choate's Agency,		4 75

J. B. ARNOLD.

Liquor on hand March 31, 1861,	300 00	
Cash due the Town March 31, 1861,	128 52	
Services for the year,	62 50	
	<u> </u>	491 02
<i>Contra,</i>		
Liquor on hand March 31, 1862,	180 00	
Cash due the town, March 31, 1862,	82 13	
Cash allowed in settlement,	62 50	
	<u> </u>	324 63
		<u> </u>
Loss at Arnold's Agency,		166 39
Nett loss in Liquor Traffic,		154 06

SALARIES.

Paid John T. Farwell, Town Clerk,	174 54	
Wm. Woodbury, Jr., appraisal of town property,	8 00	
Charles Burleigh, appraisal town property,	10 00	
Isaac B. Woodward, "	10 00	
William Kimball, Selectmen,	150 00	
John P. Sabin, "	150 00	
Rodney Wallace, "	125 00	
C. W. Jaquith, "	125 00	
William O. Brown, "	75 00	
Due Joseph Pierce, ringing bell,	45 00	
	<u> </u>	872 54

EXPENSES OF BURIALS.

Appraised value of Hearses and House, March 31, 1861,		165 00
Paid Samuel Carter,	382 90	
Charles Fessenden, for hearse,	100 00	
	<hr/>	482 90
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		647 90
Appraised value of Hearses and House, March 31, 1862,		255 00
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		392 90

INTEREST.

Paid sundry parties, during the year,	1705 69	
Due for interest on notes,	1224 58	
	<hr/>	2930 27

MILITARY.

AID TO SOLDIER'S FAMILIES.

Paid by the Selectmen,	6099 34	
	<i>Contra,</i>	
Due from the Commonwealth,	5540 04	
	<hr/>	559 30

MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES.

Paid for 150 navy revolvers,	2704 67	
for uniforms and equipments,	932 66	
for ten swords,	54 45	
Fitchburg Woolen Mill Co.,	139 97	
C. H. Benton, 2 Army Chests,	15 18	
Stephen Shepley and others, expenses to Poolesville,	107 25	
A. P. Kimball, per vote of Town,	916 88	
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<i>Carried over,</i>	4871 05	559 30

<i>Brought over,</i>	\$4871 05	559 30
For Express freights,	52 31	
A. P. Kimball,	11 13	
Hale W. Page, expenses to Roanoke,	47 50	
Gas for the Armories,	42 00	
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	5023 99	

Contra,

Received from sale of Pistols, &c.,	2755 67	
	<hr/>	2268 32
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		2827 62

SUNDRIES.

Paid G. H. Spencer, repairs on bell,	2 10
Gerry & Burgess, work in Cemetery,	19 89
L. E. Osborn, constable services,	3 00
Norcross & Snow, legal services,	38 00
Levi Simonds, distributing envelopes,	1 50
W. G. Tolman, " "	1 50
Samuel Carter, work in Cemetery,	46 87
J. W. Baker, reward, Post Office robber,	200 00
Lyman Patch, constable services,	2 00
Lucius Aldrich, " "	3 00
Simeon Shattuck, repairs on aqueduct,	3 00
Wood & Torrey, legal services,	68 00
George Raymond, surveying,	1 66
J. A. Marshall, damage on meadow,	25 00
F. Tolman, posting bills,	25
Peck & Cushing, horse hire,	1 00
Sheldon & Works, stakes for new cemetery,	4 81
Printing,	159 75
Books and Stationery,	29 67
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	611 00

RECAPITULATION OF INCOME & EXPENSES.

RECEIPTS AND INCOME.

Raised by Tax as follows :

Miscellaneous Expenses,	\$21000 00
Repairs of Highways and Bridges,	6000 00
Schools,	7500 00
State and County Tax,	6696 45
Overlayings in Assessment,	1255 12
Commonwealth School Fund,	257 98
Dog Tax,	70 00
Gain in Town House account,	259 46
Gain in Gas Stock,	30 00

Miscellaneous Receipts and Income as follows :

Vt. & M. R.R. removing snow,	4 50
Old lumber sold,	3 00
Over charge on furnace,	5 75
License of circus,	25 00
Old hose and pipe, sold,	43 31
Grass sold in cemetery,	30 00
License of auctioneers,	2 00
Old stove, sold,	3 00
Dividend on gas stock,	9 00
Dividend on railroad stock,	12 00
L. Patch & Co. rent in old town house,	16 00
I. Carleton & Co. rent in old town house,	20 00
S. Shattuck, rent in old town house,	10 00
W. L. Eager, auctioneer's bond,	2 00
M. Fairbanks, for wood,	3 00
A. Wetherbee & Co. rent of old town house,	15 00

Total Receipts and Income,

43272 57

EXPENSES.

Repairs of Highway, Bridges and removals of snow, comprising expenditures under special appropriation,	3487 78	
Sidewalks and Crossings,	13 76	
Railings for Highways,	108 73	
Lighting Streets,	599 06	
Watering Streets,	171 90	
Sundries,	33 28	
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Total Highways,		4414 51

Schools, (not including balances of last year,)	5757 98	
Repairs and depreciation of School Houses and Furniture,	466 17	
Library, depreciation and wear,	500 00	
Sundries,	332 84	
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Total Education,		7056 99

Support and assistance of Poor,	2677 89	
Fire Department,	2789 60	
Assessment, collection and abatement of taxes,	3432 45	
State and County Taxes,	6696 45	
Loss at Liquor Agencies,	154 06	
Salaries	872 54	
Expenses of Burials,	392 90	
Interest on Debt,	2930 27	
Military Expenses,	2827 62	
Reduction in valuation of old Town House,	500 00	
Sundries,	611 00	
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Total Expenses,	35356 28	
Receipts and Income brought over,	43272 57	
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Excess of income over expenses, 7916 29

E. TORREY, TREASURER, IN ACCOUNT

Dr.

To balance in the treasury, April 1st, 1861,	942 20
Cash from overseers, of Lancaster, support of paupers,	27 00
" " So. Reading, " "	66 52
" " Northfield, " "	2 00
" " Royalston, " "	33 50
" " Roxbury, " "	28 00
" " Bolton, " "	2 30
" " Boston, " "	20 31
" " " " "	10 00
" " Error in order, " "	2 62
" Selectmen, from Vt. M. R. R. Co., for removing snow,	4 50
" Selectmen for old lumber sold,	3 00
" " for overcharge on furnace,	5 75
" " for license of a Circus,	25 00
" " " auctioneers,	4 00
" " for watering streets,	129 90
" " sale of old hose & pipe,	43 31
" " grass sold, new cemetery,	30 00
" " damage to old academy,	16 57
" " old stove sold,	3 00
" " damage to school house,	9 00
" " error in an order,	77
" " from Lunenb'g, half expense of bounds,	1 46
" " C. S. Farrar part of ex- pense of fence,	14 18
" " Liquor Agency, .	300 00
" " rent of old Town House,	76 00
" of Town Clerk for license of dogs,	70 00
" interest received for cash lent,	27 50
" Selectmen for rent of town house,	581 47
" County of Worcester, for rent of Court Rooms,	300 00
" County of Worcester, support of female convicts,	37 44
" dividend on Gas stock,	9 00
" dividend on Railroad stock,	12 00
" School Committee, for fuel used in Private Schools,	13 00
" Pistols and scabbards sold	2755 67
<i>Carried over,</i>	<hr/> 5606 97

WITH THE TOWN OF FITCHBURG.

			Cr.
By cash paid	Charles Sawtell, interest on cash borrowed,		\$33 81
"	Fitchburg Bank,	" "	14 81
"	Miss Richardson,	" "	50 00
"	Mrs. Perkins,	" "	60 00
"	Mrs. Billings	" "	120 00
"	A. J. Stone,	" "	159 33
"	Mrs. Cutting,	" "	264 00
"	Fitchburg Savings Bank, int.	"	1761 24
"	State Tax,		1365 00
"	Fire Department,		2195 00
"	A. J. Stone, in part for cash borrowed,		2000 00
"	Mrs. Cutting in full,	"	5000 00
"	Fitchburg Bank in full	"	3500 00
"	Fitchburg Sav's Bank, for	"	16500 00
"	3 orders of Military Relief Committee.		3691 77
"	124 orders of Overseers,		3342 91
"	401 orders, of Selectmen,		27088 50
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			\$67146 37

<i>Amount of Dr. brought over,</i>		5606 97
To cash received from	Commonwealth, support of paupers,	15 00
"	" Commonwealth School fund	257 98
"	" Commonwealth, rent of Armories,	200 00
"	" borrowed of Torrey & Wood,	
	Trustees,	1000 00
"	" borrowed of Fitchburg Bank,	3500 00
"	" " Fitchburg Savings Bank,	18000 00
"	" A. P. Kimball, collection of taxes	
	for 1861,	37121 96
Balance due the Treasurer,		1444 46
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		\$67146 37

FINANCIAL CONDITION OF THE TOWN.

March 31, 1862.

PROPERTY OWNED BY THE TOWN.

Town House and lot,	20000 00
Furniture in same,	714 25
Old Town House and lot,	2000 00
High School House and lot,	12800 00
Furniture in same,	119 25
Old Academy and lot,	1500 00
Furniture in same,	10 00
West Street School House and lot,	3100 00
Furniture in same,	24 65
South Street School House and lot,	5400 00
Furniture in same,	62 85
East Street School House and lot,	2000 00
Furniture in same,	32 75
Day Street School House and lot,	5200 00
Furniture in same,	59 05
District No. 2 school house,	400 00
Furniture in same,	10 45
District No. 3 house and lot,	1500 00
Furniture in same,	23 75
Disrrict No. 4 school house,	450 00
Furniture in same,	8 90
District No. 5 school house,	250 00
Furniture in same,	10 65
District No. 6 school house,	350 00
Furniture in same,	5 95
District No. 7 house,	575 00
Furniture in same,	10 23
District No. 8 school house and lot,	1250 00
Furniture in same,	19 50
District No. 9 school house,	375 00
Furniture in same,	4 25
District No. 10 school house,	400 00
Furniture in same,	3 99
District No. 11 school house and lot,	2200 00
Furniture in same,	28 15
District No. 12 school house,	475 00
Furniture in same,	8 50
Grammar School House and lot, West Fitchburg,	3300 00
<i>Carried over,</i>	<u>64682 12</u>

<i>Brought over,</i>	\$64682 12
Furniture in same,	60 75
Old school house, Pearl Hill,	50 00
Engine No. 1, Engine house,	400 00
Engine and Fixtures,	1324 75
Engine No. 2, house,	450 00
Engine and Fixtures,	1216 00
Engine No. 3, house,	500 00
Engine and Fixtures,	1463 75
Engine No. 4, house, lot and bell,	550 00
Engine and Fixtures,	1521 75
Engine No. 5, house and bell,	575 00
Engine and Fixtures,	997 00
Hook and Ladder Carriage, Fixtures,	445 00
Hose Carriage with hose,	650 00
Two old hose carriages, one old engine,	85 00
Hearse house with two Hearses,	255 00
Interest in Town Clock,	100 00
Fire Alarm Steam Whistle,	100 00
Force pump and water tank,	90 00
Forty-three Lamp Posts and fixtures,	900 00
Highway tools in hands of Agents,	15 00
Town Pauper Establishment,	7600 00
Personal property at Town Farm,	2426 31
Wanoosnac Hill wood lot,	1500 00
Taylor Farm,	950 00
Personal property at Taylor place,	15 00
Cemetery lot,	900 00
Library and fixtures,	3000 00
Liquors in hands of Agents,	973 75
Two share F. & W. R. R. stock,	170 00
Three shares F. Gas stock,	120 00
	<hr/> 94086 18

DEBTS RECEIVABLE.

Due from Commonwealth,	5660 75
Samuel Farwell, 2d,	83 55
County of Worcester,	260 74
E. Page on note,	80 49
J. H. Wheeler,	50 00
Estate of Charlotte Cooper,	347 50
Town of Holden,	12 00
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<i>Carried over,</i>	6495 03-94086 18

<i>Brought over,</i>	\$6495 03-94086 18
Due from E. S. C. Trask,	9 75
S. A. Deane,	6 00
Town of Dracutt,	14 73
Town of Groton,	3 00
Town of South Reading,	5 50
Town of Templeton,	7 45
Town of Belcherton,	3 85
Town of Boston,	5 50
Luther E. Lane, Administrator,	88 00
For rent of Town Hall,	22 00
J. Choate,	1 50
J. B. Arnold,	82 13
	<hr/> 6744 44
	<hr/> 100830 62

DEBTS PAYABLE.

Outstanding orders,	1388 25
James B. Lane,	7 92
Due to Fairbanks & Allen,	66 67
J. B. Lane,	106 25
J. B. Arnold,	20 83
State Lunatic Hospital,	36 14
State Reform School,	6 50
Joseph Peirce,	45 00
Joseph Cushing,	49 50
Firemen and Engineers,	2012 09
Soldier's Families,	32 00
Charles Sawtell,	600 00
Mary F. Towne,	1200 00
S. Richardson,	1000 00
S. W. Billings,	2000 00
R. A. Perkins,	1000 00
A. J. Stone,	2000 00
Torrey & Wood, Trustees,	1000 00
Fitchburg Savings Bank,	40000 00
For interest on the above,	1224 58
Balance due the Treasury,	1444 46
	<hr/> 55240 19
Excess of property over debt,	<hr/> 45590 43

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT.

Liabilities of town March 31, 1861, as per report of last year,	\$58240 09	
Sundry bills not reported at that time,	260 33	
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Total liabilities March 31, 1861,	58500 42	
Total liabilities March 31, 1862,	55240 19	
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Decrease of debt during the year,		3260 23
Property owned March 31, 1861,	96174 56	
Property owned March 31, 1862,	100830 62	
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Increase of assets during the year,		4656 06
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Nett gain of town as shown also on page 39		7916 29

In conclusion, your Committee would congratulate the tax payers of the town upon the favorable results which have followed the financial operations of the past year. With largely increased expenses, for aid to soldier's families, interest, and support of poor, we have succeeded by closely economising in other directions, in reducing our debt, in the sum of \$3260 23; and at the same time have added to our property \$4656 06; all of which is available for payment of the debt; thus showing an actual gain of \$7916 29 during the year. Still, even after deducting the amount due from the Commonwealth, our debt is plenty large enough, and there is ample reason in view of the prospective heavy burden of National taxation, for continuing in the path of strict economy, which we have lately travelled.

A carefully prepared estimate will be presented in its proper place, by the Committee, for the consideration of the town, of the amount, which the experience of the past five years have shown to be necessary for the *ordinary* expenditures of the year; and in this connection we have to make a single suggestion. It is well known that the greater part of the *extraordinary* appropriations of money have been voted at occasional meetings, held at intervals through the year. These meetings, from want of notice mainly, are usually thinly attended; and we believe that the posting of three or four

warrants, while it answers the requirements of the law, is hardly a sufficient advertisement. Would it not be well to instruct the Selectmen, when a meeting is to be called, to adopt the usual practice of individuals, who wish to collect an audience; and in addition to the legal warrants, to post placards in various parts of the town, stating, in general terms, the nature of the business to come before the meeting.

It will be observed that the Liquor traffic of the town has not resulted as favorably as in former years, a nett loss of \$154 06 having accrued. We commend this to the consideration of the town as a matter which should be remedied.

Our military expenditures have reached the sum of \$8367 66, but owing to the action of the Legislature in assuming a considerable portion of them, the nett expense has been but \$2826 62.

In consequence of the depression in business, the calls upon the Overseers of the poor have been more numerous than usual, and the expenses of that department have reached \$2677 89, against \$1994 46 last year. It is hoped this amount will be somewhat lessened in the next annual report.

In general we have found the accounts of the town well kept and clearly and systematically arranged. Since writing the above, we have ascertained that the State Tax of Fitchburg as reported to the Legislature, will be \$8190 00, against \$912 50 last year.

Respectfully submitted by

L. SPRAGUE,	} <i>Auditing</i>
E. F. BAILEY,	
GEO. E. TOWNE,	
	} <i>Committee.</i>

REPORT OF OVERSEERS OF POOR.



Appraised value of Pauper Establishment, March 31,
1861. \$12255 29

Expenses at the Almshouse during the year:

Paid for necessary supplies,	\$594 87	
Medicine,	3 50	
Medical Attendance,	12 00	
Fitchburg Sentinel,	1 50	
Coal,	42 55	
Hardware and Farming Tools,	20 45	
Cattle and Swine,	230 73	
Pasturing cattle,	11 15	
Labor on farm,	260 12	
Labor in house,	67 00	
Blacksmithing,	60 85	
Repairing harnesses,	3 40	
Meat barrels,	1 50	
Repairs of house,	112 05	
Horse,	103 00	
Samuel Farwell 2d, services,	350 00	
Mason Farwell, services,	100 00	
Due Joseph Cushing, for wood,	49 50	
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		14279 46

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Appraised value of Pauper Establishment, March 31st,
1862, 12491 31

Receipts and sundries sold during the year:

Received for Oxen,	140 00	
Cow,	26 35	
Horse,	75 00	
Pigs,	54 25	
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<i>Carried over,</i>	295 60	12491 32

<i>Brought over,</i>	295	60	12491	31
Received for Wood,	15	50		
Butter, Milk, &c.,	9	36		
Meat,	89	76		
Hides,	21	10		
Use of Plough,	1	50		
Use of Slaughter House,	1	25		
Horse keeping,	5	25		
Labor,	23	82		
Support of Julia Phelps,	1	00		
Support of M. Broughan and child,	10	00		
Labor on Highways,	52	39		
of Jonathan Whitman,	1	00		
William Bemis,	10	18		
Joseph Baldwin,	3	04		
Wood delivered sundry persons by order of				
Overseers of Poor,	86	17		
Expenses to Monson and Lowell, S. Farwell 2d,	14	15		
Due from Co. of Worcester, support of convicts,	85	74		
Sundry persons,	31	00		
Samuel Farwell, 2d, overpaid,	10	76		
			768	57
			13259	88
Total expenditure at Almshouse, during year,	2024	17		
Receipts at Almshouse, during the year,	768	57		
			1255	60
Increase in value of personal property,			236	02
Total expense at Almshouse, for support,				
during the year,			1019	58
Whole number of weeks board of paupers,	696			
Whole number supported and relieved				
including transient persons,	342			
Average number at Almshouse, during year,	13	1-2		
Present number at Almshouse,	11			
Expense per week,	\$1	46	1-2	

Support and assistance of Poor outside of
pauper establishment:

Total amount paid,	1825 25	
Received and due for same,	320 68	
Total expense <i>outside</i> of Almshouse, for support, during the year,	—————	1504 57
Total expense at Almshouse for support during the year,		1019 58
		—————
Whole expense for support of poor,		2524 15

For detailed statement for support and assistance of poor *outside* of Almshouse, see Auditor's Report.

CYRUS THURSTON,	} Overseers of Poor.
WILLIAM KIMBALL,	
LEVI DOWNE,	

FITCHBURG FIRE DEPARTMENT.

REPORT OF THE CHIEF ENGINEER.

The department is in good condition with a few exceptions. The companies have not their full compliment of men. There are 330 in all, including the ten Engineers.

ENGINE Co. No. 1.—The 400 feet of hose and all the apparatus belonging thereto is in good condition. Number of men, 55.

ENGINE Co. No. 2.—The 450 feet of hose and all the apparatus belonging thereto is in good condition. Number of men 55.

ENGINE Co. No. 3.—The 200 feet of hose and all the apparatus belonging thereto is in good condition; also 350 feet of poor hose. Number of men, 75.

ENGINE Co. No. 4.—The 200 feet of hose and all the apparatus belonging thereto is in good condition. They have also 400 feet of poor hose. Number of men, 52.

ENGINE Co. No. 5.—The 200 feet of hose and all the apparatus belonging thereto is in good condition. They have also 400 feet of poor hose. Number of men, 38.

HOOKE AND LADDER Co. No. 1.—All the apparatus belonging to this company is in good condition. Number of men, 30.

Mount Vernon Hose Company has 15 men.

Whole number of alarms of fires for the 11 months, six.

June 12th, the cause of the alarm was the burning of Mr. Snow's buildings in Lunenburg.

June 28th, Fitchburg & Worcester Freight Depot, damage light.

July 2d, Wm. Woodbury, Jr., dwelling house totally destroyed. Loss \$1000.

July 11th, False alarm given at West Fitchburg.

August 3d, Sawmill belonging to Crocker & Burbank—totally destroyed. Loss \$500.

March 1st, shop owned by Crocker & Burbank, and occupied by H. W. Page and A. D. Weymouth, partly destroyed. Damage on building \$300. H. W. Page's loss \$1500. A. D. Weymouth's loss \$300

LUCIUS ALDRICH, *Chief Engineer,*

Fitchburg Fire Department.

THIRD ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

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The following donations have been made, viz :

From Wm. G. Wyman,	2 volumes.
“ Judson S. Brown,	8 “ Pub. Doc.
“ James M. Woodbury,	1 “
“ Commonwealth of Mass.,	6 “ St'e papers
“ Department of the Interior,	3 “
Also 22 maps,	
“ Hon. Charles Sumner,	2 “
“ F. C. Russell,	1 “
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State Records,	16
Purchased,	340
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Beside donations in Books, a perfect and beautiful model of a Ship of War in full rig, has been presented by Rev. Mr. Tilden.

In answer to the invitation extended by the Trustees, in accordance with a vote of the town, to the officers and soldiers belonging to this town, now in the army, we have received several trophies, viz: first from Geo. E. Marshall, son of Mr. Abel Marshall, fragments of shells, cartridges, balls, a pair of Surgeon's saddle-bags, and a number of letters descriptive of scenes in which he had borne a part. From Capt. T. S. Foster, an officer's sword taken at the battle of Roanoke Island, and a flag presented to him by the officers of his regiment, as a token of their appreciation of his conduct on the battle field. From Col. Upton, 25th regiment, a cavalry sword and scabbard, taken at the same battle, and a North Carolina flag and a rifle musket, taken at the battle of Newbern, by his command. Many other trophies have been sent to different individuals, but these are all that have yet come to the hands of the Trustees. Many letters have been kindly furnished by friends at home, which we have no doubt our successors will make good use of.

During the year 25703 books have been delivered to 1522 persons; a number of volumes less than were taken the year previous by 3342, and the number of takers less by 416; to be accounted for mainly by the absence of many of our young men in the army. Owing to the recent sickness of the Librarian, B. P. Todd, Esq., we are unable to ascertain the precise number of books lost during the year, but it is believed to be small.

From an examination of the statistics of forty-three Public Libraries in the different cities and towns of Massachusetts, we find that while Fitchburg is the tenth of these cities and towns in population, its Library is the eighth in the number of its volumes, and fourth in the number of books annually delivered.

The sum of money granted by vote of the town in their annual town meeting in April last, was equal to the sum allowed by law for the increase and maintaining a public library, viz: fifty cents for every poll, there being in the year previous 1932 polls the sum for the library would be \$966. But in May following the town voted that the Trustees of their library be requested not to exceed in their expenditures the sum of \$700. The Board have endeavored to keep within that limit.

Balance on hand April, 1861	\$1 32
Received of D. Stearns,	50
Two town orders,	600 00
Fines collected during the year,	27 67
Received for catalogues sold,	4 71
Received for paper sold,	65

Paid out for sundries as follows, viz:

Card rack, keys, ruling paper, pasteboard, charcoal, fitting gas stove, &c.,	\$7 64
Salary of Librarian three quarters of year.	225 00
For binding and covering books,	66 30
For paper for covering,	9 80
For printing cards, signs, &c.,	11 49
For repairing desk and stove, \$2 00 and \$1 50,	3 50
For Books,	\$272 03
For freight and express,	2 25
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Amount of fines collected during last quarter

in hands of Librarian, 8 06

Balance due Librarian for last quarter's salary 66 94

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75 00

In hands of Treasurer of Trustees,

28 78

Balance of appropriation in Town Treasury,

100 00

To be carried to Cr. of Library in new account,

41 12

734 85

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T. R. BOUTELLE, *Chairman of Trustees.*

FITCHBURG, April 10, 1862.

ADDENDUM.

The following names should be added to the list, in the School Committee's Report, of scholars whose attendance has been perfect during the year, viz :

Mary E. Buttrick of the High Street Secondary School; Charles E. Dean, of No. 9; and Frank J. Fisher, ** Mary L. Fisher, Sarah J. Marshall, and Lucy E. Thomas, of No. 11.



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